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United States Government Accountability Office
Washington, DC 20548

August 17, 2006

The Honorable Doris O. Matsui
House of Representatives

Dear Ms. Matsui:

We received your letter dated June 12, 2006, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office provide information on the Department of Homeland Security's criteria and process for determining eligibility for the Urban Area Security Initiative grant program.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. To fully respond to your request, GAO plans to initiate work on this project in about two months when it is expected that staff with the required skills will be available. Your request has been assigned to Mr. Norman J. Rabkin, Managing Director, Homeland Security and Justice. Mr. Rabkin or a member of his team will contact your office to discuss the request and options for helping you meet your needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Rabkin at [REDACTED] or Mr. Larry Malenich, Assistant Director for Congressional Relations, on my staff at [REDACTED].

Sincerely yours,

Gloria L. Jarmon
Managing Director for
Congressional Relations

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